

I am appalled that the owners of Sinclair Broadcasting would feel it's okay to blatantly use their power, and the power of television is considerable, to present one-sided information in an attempt to influence a national election. It's shameful and unfair and is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. They have a responsibility to the public to present both sides of an issue and to refrain from trying to influence the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.